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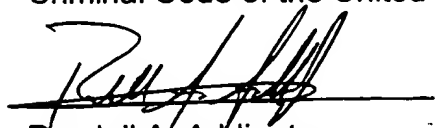
Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Declaration Under Rule 132

I, Randall A. Addington, make the following declaration.

1. I am one of the named inventors in Patent Application No. 09/130,905, filed 08/07/98, with the title "Bowler's Aid."
2. I am active in the sport of bowling, as it is known and played in the United States. Over the last 3 years, I have bowled about 30 lines a week and have participated in 20 American Bowling Congress sanctioned tournaments.
3. To my knowledge, the American Bowling Congress is the bowler's authority for prescribing the official sizes and weights of bowling balls used in American Bowling Congress sanctioned tournaments and has become the recognized standard for specifying the range of, and limits to, bowling ball size and weight..
4. My inventive concept, as described and claimed in Patent Application No. 09/130,905, filed 08/07/98, with the title "Bowler's Aid," and in the continuing application mailed 9/10/99, is of a finger pad shield made of a rigid material for resisting the force produced by a bowling ball, as described in 3., above, when a bowler, such as myself is using maximum force to release the bowling ball. The weight of bowling ball I currently prefer is 15 pounds.

All of the foregoing statements are made upon knowledge or, as stated, are made upon information or belief. All of the foregoing statements are made under knowledge of the punishments and penalties for perjury, under the Criminal Code of the United States of America.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randall A. Addington", is written over a horizontal line.

Randall A. Addington

Date: 9-10-99